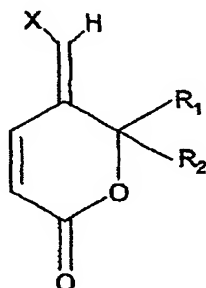


CLAIMS

1. A compound corresponding to formula (I):



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in which

X represents chlorine, bromine or iodine, and

R₁ and R₂ represent, each independently of the other, a hydrogen atom, an alkyl, cycloalkyl or alkylene group,

10 which is linear or branched, containing from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with a hydroxyl, amino, ether or halogen group, or R₁ and R₂ form together a 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-membered ring, said ring being optionally substituted with a hydroxyl, amino,

15 ether or halogen group, including its isomers, its enantiomers, its diastereoisomers, and mixtures thereof.

2. The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that X represents chlorine, bromine or iodine, and R₁ and R₂ represent, each independently of the other, a hydrogen atom, an alkyl or alkylene group, which is linear or branched, containing from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with an ether or halogen group, or R₁ and R₂ form together a 5-, 6-, 7- or 8-membered ring, said ring being optionally substituted with an ether or halogen group.

3. The compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that X represents iodine.

4. The compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that R_1 and R_2 each represent independently of each other a hydrogen atom,
5 a methyl, ethyl, propyl or butyl group.

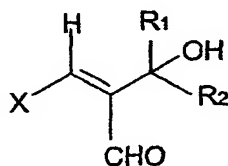
5. The compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that R_1 and R_2 each represent a methyl group.

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6. The compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that it is iodomethylene-dimethyl-dihydropyranone.

15 7. The compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that it is the isomer E-iodomethylene-dimethyl-dihydropyranone.

8. A method for preparing a compound of formula (I)
20 as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that a Horner-Emmons reaction is carried out by reacting an aldehyde of formula (IV)



IV

25 in which the meanings of X, R_1 and R_2 are those defined for the compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or 2,

with a phosphonate such as methyl [bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)phosphinoyl]acetate, followed by cyclization.

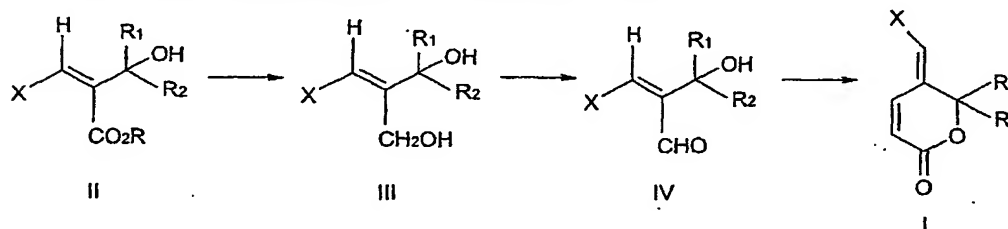
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9. The method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the preparation of the compound of formula (I) is carried out in the presence of a base such as potassium carbonate and a crown ether such as the crown ether 18-

crown-6.

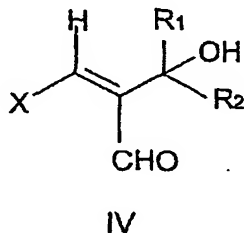
10. The method as claimed in claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the preparation of the compound of formula (I) from the compound of formula (IV) is preceded by the following steps:

- i) a compound of formula (II) is first of all reacted with a reducing agent such as lithium aluminum hydride, resulting in the formation of the corresponding primary alcohol (III), and then
- ii) the compound of formula (III) is reacted with an oxidizing agent such as manganese dioxide to give the corresponding aldehyde (IV)



in which the meanings of X, R_1 and R_2 are those defined above for the compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or 2, and R represents a linear alkyl group containing from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, such as a methyl or ethyl group.

11. A compound corresponding to formula (IV):



in which the meanings of X, R_1 and R_2 are those defined for the compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or 2, including its isomers, its enantiomers, its

diastereoisomers, and mixtures thereof.

12. A medicament, characterized in that it consists of
a compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of
5 claims 1 to 7.

13. A pharmaceutical composition, characterized in
that it comprises a compound of formula (I) as claimed
in any one of claims 1 to 7, in combination with any
10 appropriate excipient.

14. The composition as claimed in claim 13,
characterized in that it is intended to be administered
by intravenous injection.

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15. The use of a compound of formula (I) as claimed in
any one of claims 1 to 7, for the preparation of a
medicament intended for treating cancer.